# Ridgway "Skidge" Moon (1948-2025)

Northwest Colorado, particularly Routt County, has sadly lost one of the most prolific surveyors in recent history. Skidge Moon passed away quietly at home in Steamboat Springs in the early morning hours of Sunday, October 12th, 2025 after a brief illness and hospitalization in Fort Collins. It would be an understatement to say Skidge was instrumental to laying out, surveying, and platting modern day Steamboat Springs outside of "Old Town" Steamboat over his 54-year uninterrupted career; extending his skills, counsel and inherent knowledge to the Steamboat Ski Corp, Routt County Engineers, Planners, Commissioners, town trustees & councils of Steamboat Oak Creek, Hayden, Yampa, Toponas, and Clark. Included in his counsel and many deliverables are the Department of the Interior/BLM, USFS, CDOT, Tri-State T&G, YVEA, Upper Yampa Water and Conservancy District, and numerous other Routt County Utilities over the decades. Skidge was until recently a 7 days a week, 364 days a year owner and employee of D&D Inc in Steamboat Springs, until his transition in 2022, remaining on board, still 7 days a week, as a part time practitioner of the art, science, and craft he loved so dearly. Skidge loved Routt County and rarely left it.

Skidge, a native of Middletown Township New Jersey, arrived in Steamboat as a young 23 year old freshly minted BS Mathematics graduate of Waynesburg College (PA) ('71) in that summer, meeting Morton Dismuke (RLS#7736) of the Steamboat firm Dismuke and Dismuke (D&D), and went immediately to work in the field as a survey assistant, quickly catching onto the math, procedures, and mechanics of the trade. Skidge was promoted rapidly to Director of Survey Operations, becoming Vice President in 1975 upon receipt of his professional Colorado license RLS#13221, eventually a shareholder and President of the Surveying Division at D&D's peak of 80 employees. At D&D's peak of engineering and surveying Steamboat and Routt County, Skidge oversaw a survey and drafting divisional staff of about 40, including managing 3 additional Registered Land Surveyors, with 14 field crews daily, ensuring completion of the following career highlights:

*11,000+ Plats, Subdivisions, Surveys & Staking Projects
* 4900+ clients

In 1987, Dismuke and Dismuke (then dba D&D Consultants) reorganized upon the retirement of Morton Dismuke, and Skidge acquired 100% of the Surveying business unit, forming D&D Inc and continued the business forward through the decades.

Skidge saw the full gamut of Surveying technology- Starting out in 1971 with the Dumpy Level, Transit, Theodolite, plumb bob, trig tables, Steel Tape and Gunter's chain and ending with Robotics and GPS.

Skidge was the "Surveyor's Surveyor" – having been elected and having served as the Routt County Surveyor from 1998 through 2014; becoming a founding member and President of the PLSC NorthWest ¼ Chapter. Many still current and past surveyors in Northwest Colorado worked directly for Skidge; most of the local long-time attorneys, developers, city council members, commissioners all sought his counsel on matters of boundary control and re-tracement issues.

Along with Skidge's mentorship, public service, and counsel will be missed by all of us in Northwest Colorado, but his legacy continues on.

Respectfully submitted,
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